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## Kryla

KRYLA/КРИЛА ("krill-a") is a 501(c)(3) NGO founded in 2022 by Ukrainian-Americans, friends, and allies (Go to <https://www.kryla.org/>). Started in New Orleans and inspired by the warmth and resilience of that city, Kryla works to aid refugees displaced by the ongoing war. Kryla means "wings" and represents the tenacity of the Ukrainian people caught in an unjust war. It is the title of a poem by Ukrainian poet Lina Kostenko.

Kryla aims to bring humanitarian aid and specialized medical supplies to places with acute need. Its volunteers include physicians, medical students, graphic designers, Peace Corps alumni, and people with NGO experience.

## What is the Ukraine Solidarity Network?



The Ukraine Solidarity Network was founded in 2022 following a talk by Ukrainian author and activist Yuliya Yurchenko at the Socialism 2022 conference. We mobilize moral, political, and material support for Ukraine's resistance to Russia's invasion and their struggle for an independent, egalitarian, and democratic country. Our principles and goals are

- A world free of global power domination at the expense of smaller nations. We oppose war and authoritarianism no matter where it comes from. We support the rights of self-determination and self-defense of all oppressed nations.
- Victory of Ukraine against the Russian invasion.
- Ukraine's right to reparations, cancellation of Ukraine's debts, and aid without strings attached or debt burdens.
- To support for Russian antiwar forces fighting against a war imposed by the authoritarian Putin regime.
- To connect progressive organizations, movements, and labor unions in Ukraine with their counterparts in the USA in support of Ukrainian struggles for labor rights during the war.

<https://www.ukrainsolidaritynetwork.us/>

## Support Ukraine's Nurses

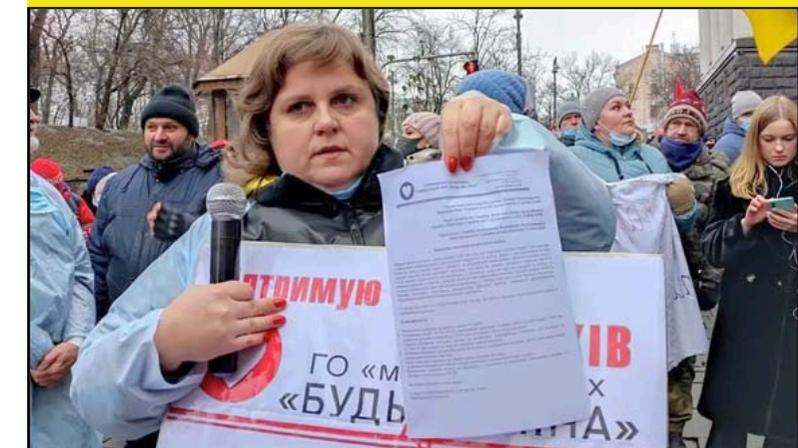
**Help USN Provide Urgently Needed  
Lifesaving Hospital Equipment**

Despite relentless Russian attacks, the dedication and bravery of Ukrainian doctors and nurses has prevented collapse of Ukrainian healthcare. Healthcare professionals continue to save thousands of lives under brutal wartime circumstances.

Doctors and nurses often work without essential life-saving equipment due to the war, economic collapse spurred by wartime destruction, the Ukrainian government's neoliberal policies, and to the demands of US and European lenders.

### THE UKRAINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK ASKED "HOW CAN WE HELP?"

Be Like We Are!, the Ukrainian Nurses Union, answered and requested the purchase of two Mindray BS-430 400tests/Hour Fully Automatic Biochemistry Analyzers for the Mykola Halytskyi Nizhyn Central City Hospital. Nizhyn ▶



grateful for such support. New modern analyzer equipment will not only increase the number of tests we can perform but also greatly improve their quality."

### HOW TO DONATE & SUPPORT *BE LIKE WE ARE!* NURSES AT NIZHYN HOSPITAL

Donations will be sent via Kryla, a New Orleans-based non-profit group that sends humanitarian aid/medical supplies to Ukraine (<https://www.kryla.org/>).

Kryla will transmit the funds to the "**Be Like We Are**" Nurses Union in Ukraine (<https://www.uni-europa.org/news/ukrainian-care-workers-organize-in-war/>) who will purchase the analyzers in Ukraine. Sending funds to purchase the equipment is more efficient than shipping the equipment from the United States.

All contributions are tax exempt. They can either be sent to Kryla at 3014 Dauphine St., Ste. A, PMB 59294, New Orleans, LA 70117-6755, with ["Nizhyn hospital nurses"] in the memo line, or made through GoFundMe (see the QR code!)

Receipts for contributions greater than \$250 can be requested at [hello@kryla.org](mailto:hello@kryla.org).

Thank you for your interest in and contributions to this effort towards practical solidarity with nurses and their patients in Ukraine. ■

is a small city in Chernihiv Oblast, approximately 60 miles from the Russian border. Now, the USN is raising the funds to purchase them.

Biochemistry analyzers are standard equipment in most healthcare facilities. They accurately and rapidly detect life-threatening and other infections, and they detect serious conditions such as liver and kidney disease and heart-related problems. Without them, nurses and technicians spend many hours conducting analyses that these machines do in minutes and with fewer errors. Acquisition of these machines will mean nurses can spend more time directly attending to patient’s needs.

**WHY NIZHYN HOSPITAL NEEDS HELP**

The **Mykola Halytskyi Nizhyn Central City Hospital** is a crucial multidisciplinary regional cluster hospital with surgical, neurological, trauma, cardiac, pediatric, maternity, and other departments. It serves the entire Nizhyn district. Like many state-run Ukrainian hospitals, it lacks modern equipment needed to deliver proper care especially during wartime.

"We are using an old analyzer that can perform only 20–40 tests per hour. Sometimes it breaks down—tests have to be redone. It also frequently needs repairs, which all adds up ►



to wasted time," explains Ivan Korosko, General Director of Nizhyn Hospital.

"Every day, about 500 patients receive care at our hospital. There are emergency cases when a high-quality analysis is needed immediately. In those situations, we have to send patients to private laboratories so that the doctor can make an accurate diagnosis."

**WHAT THIS DESPERATELY NEEDED EQUIPMENT DOES**

The Mindray BS-430 is a high-throughput automatic biochemistry analyzer that can process 420 to 620 tests per hour. This machine represents a 10-20x increase in capacity over the hospital’s current equipment, dramatically reducing wait times for critical test results.

**HELP US REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL**

Each analyzer costs approximately \$38,000. Your donation will help provide two of these essential machines and directly support

- Faster diagnoses for critically ill patients
- More efficient use of nurses time, allowing them to focus on patient care
- Accurate results without the need for retesting ►

# Be Like We Are

In November 2019, Nina Kozlovska, a senior nurse outside Kyiv, poured out her heart on Facebook. She "... wrote everything that was in my soul: how we work, what our conditions are, what the wages are." The post went viral under the hashtag #BeLikeNina: it was the birth of a real rank and file union of nurses and health care workers. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/odr/be-like-nina-how-a-ukrainian-nurse-organised-a-protest-movement/>

According to Kozlovska, Ukraine’s official legacy unions collected dues but otherwise did nothing. Now, “Be like Nina!”, renamed “Be like We Are!” has almost 90,000 members struggling to organize nurses and other health care workers to win better wages and working conditions, to prevent hospital closures, and to fight the legal battles of health care workers and patients.

Hit with Covid, then Russia’s full scale invasion, and then Donald Trump’s dismantling of US AID programs, the movement has formed international alliances with organizations such as Germany’s Medico International and the French trade union Solidaires.

Be Like We Are! is at the very heart of the struggle of the Ukrainian people.

**СТАНЬ ПОРУЧ !**  
**ГО "Медичний рух "БУДЬ ЯК МИ"**  
**GO "Medical movement "BE LIKE WE ARE"**



- Reduced strain on overworked healthcare staff
- Better healthcare outcomes for an entire district

"We are saddened that a large cluster hospital still lacks a modern analyzer," says Korosko. "We would be sincerely ►